

**Testimony Against MI HB 4795
Punitive Preemption
February 10, 2016**

Representatives:

Thank you for allowing me to testify about this important issue. My name is Nicole Bedi. I am a proud Michigander, mother of two, and a volunteer with the Michigan chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of American moms and dads fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment while protecting Americans from gun violence. Moms Demand Action is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country, with more than 3 million members. I am here today representing thousands of Michigan Moms who oppose bill HB 4795, the punitive preemption bill.

This bill would line the pockets of the gun lobby by giving trial lawyers for the NRA and other out-of-state special interest groups the power to sue our local Michigan governments for enforcing reasonable gun laws—and entitling them to large payouts **at Michigan taxpayers' expense**. This bill isn't about enforcing the law; it's about doing favors for the gun lobby.

The danger of this bill doesn't stop there: HB 4795 would also force local officials, including police officers, to risk thousands of dollars in fines for protecting Michigan communities. That's just not right for Michiganders. Our lawmakers should be spending time trying to better protect our communities – not letting out-of-state special interests **sue the people who keep us safe**.

On behalf of the Michigan chapter of Moms Demand Action, I urge you to vote NO on HB 4795. Thank you again for your time.

Nicole Bedi